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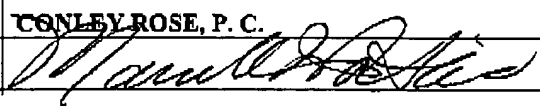
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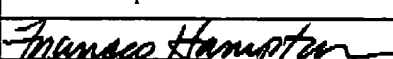
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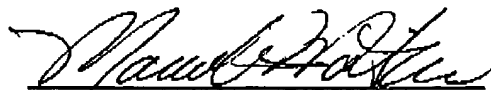
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 22, 2004, Applicants elect the claims of Group II (Claims 26-55) without traverse.

If resolution of any remaining issues pertaining to restriction groups and election may be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned. Should any fees have been inadvertently omitted, or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Deposit Account Number 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C., Houston, Texas, and consider this a petition for any necessary extension of time.

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